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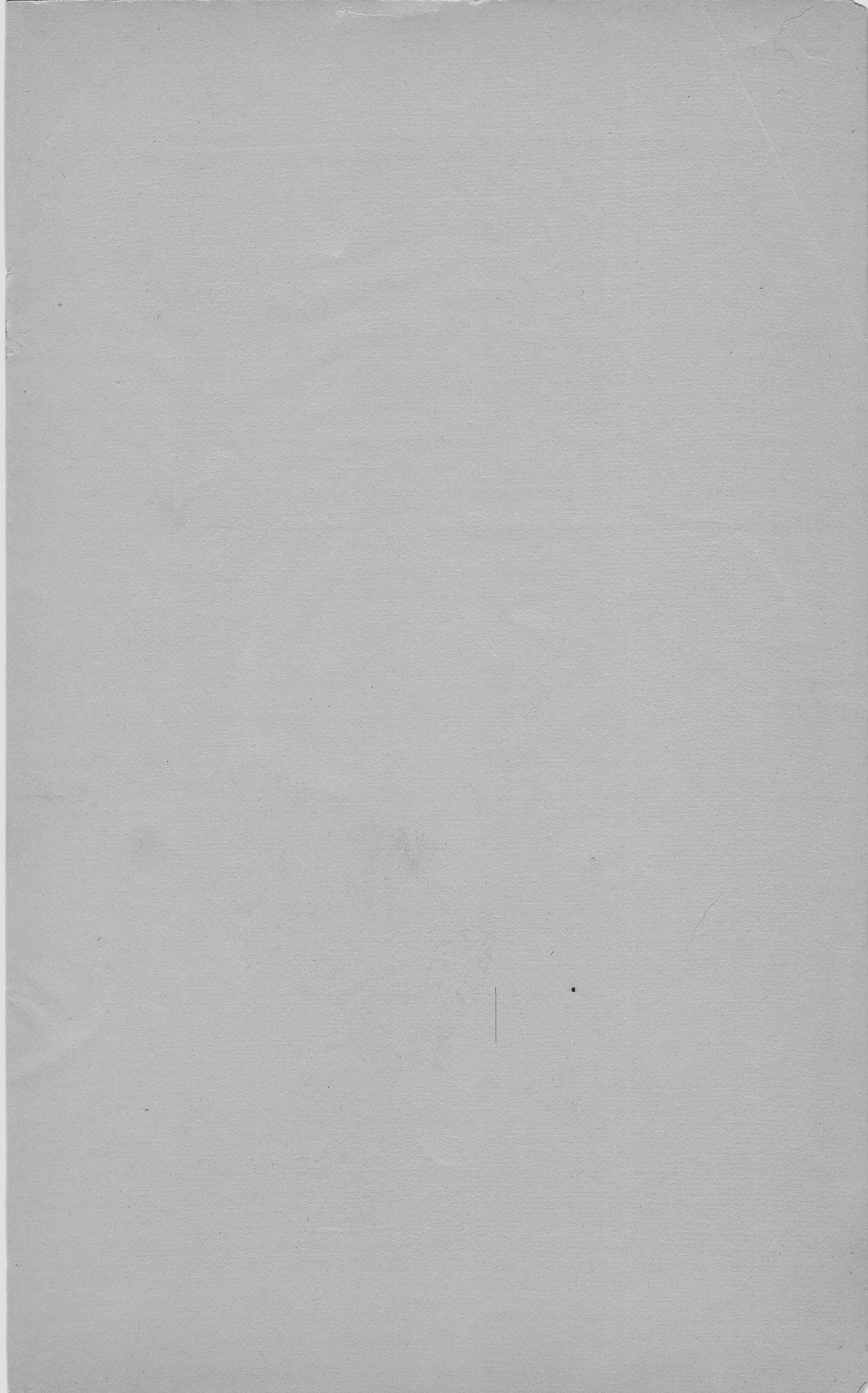
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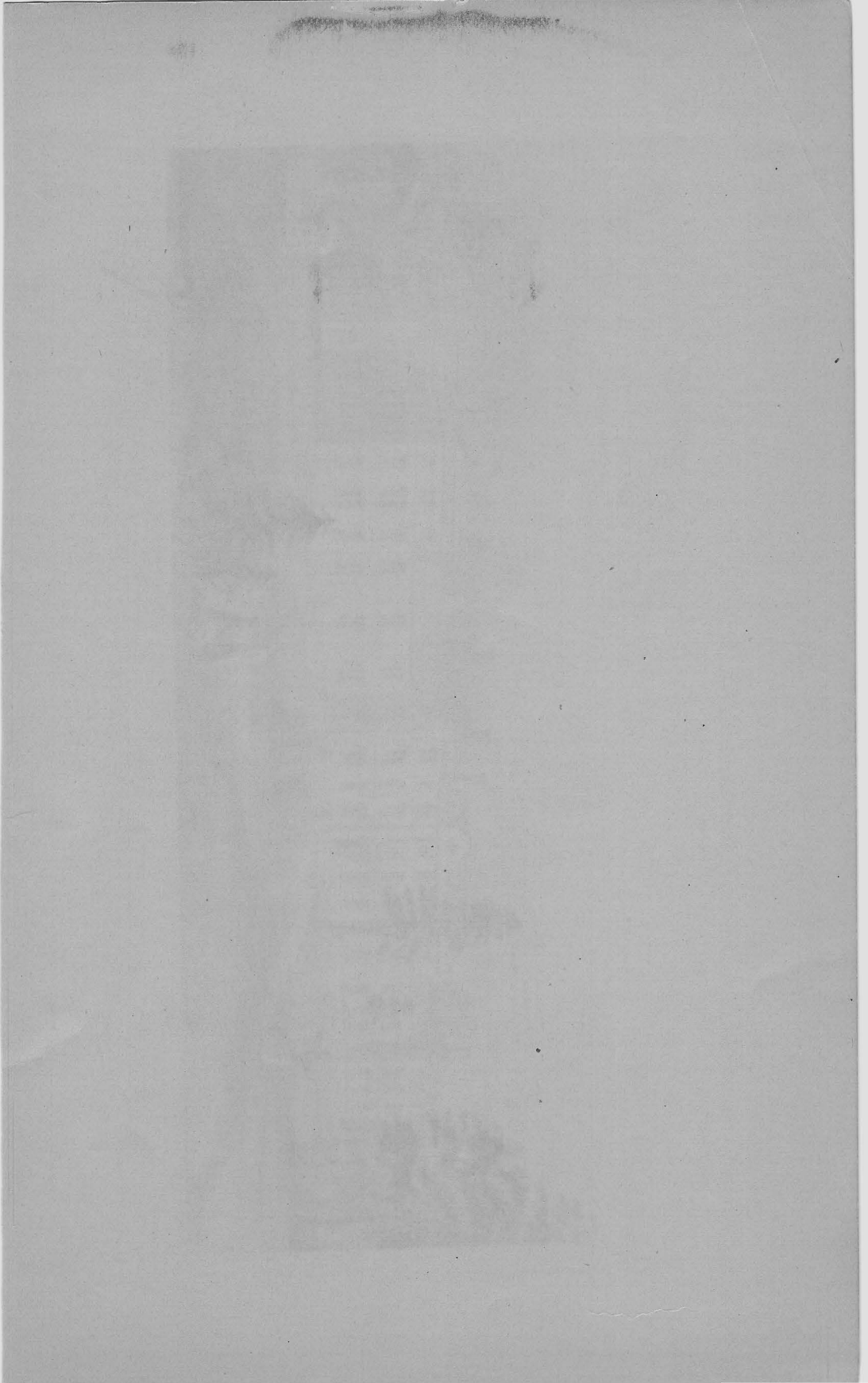




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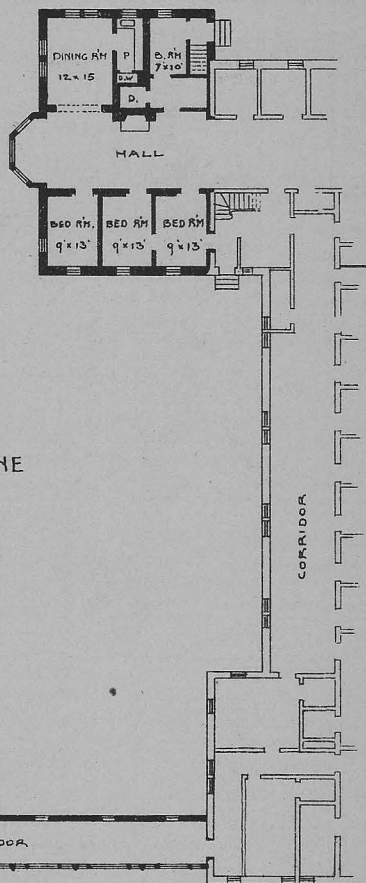




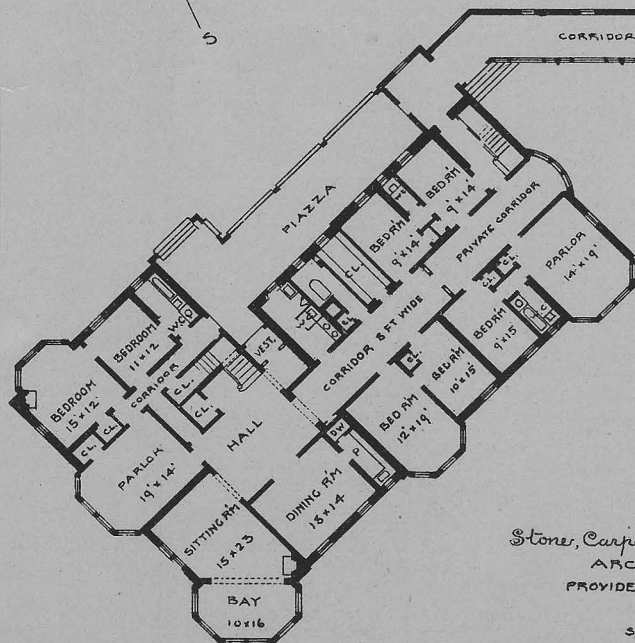
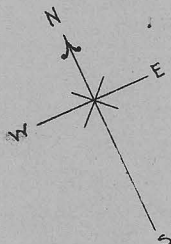


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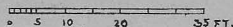
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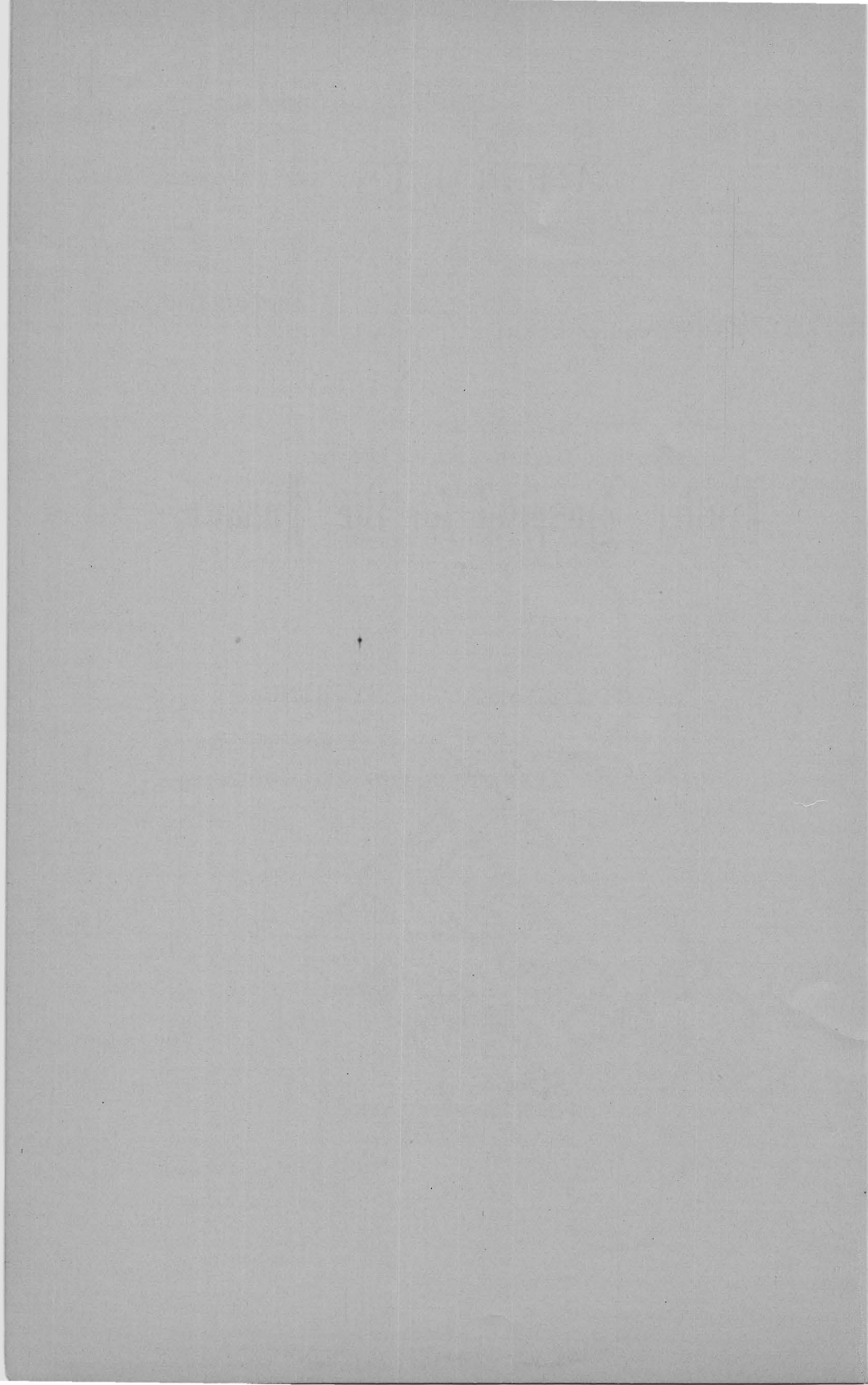


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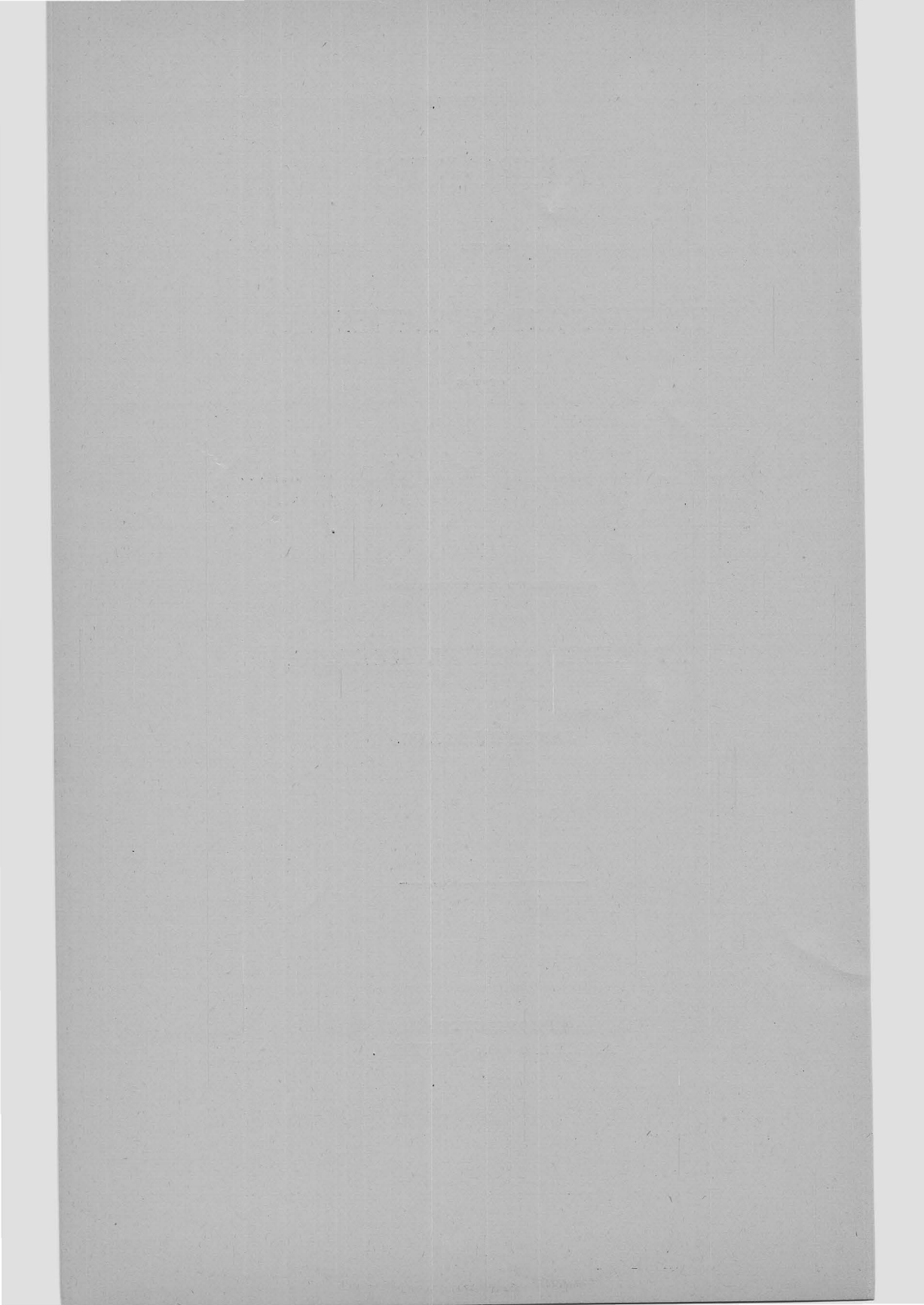
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1887—1888.

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JANUARY,	BROWNELL AND M. B. I. GODDARD.

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Application for admission of patients may be made to Dr. GOLDSMITH, who will furnish the papers, and all requisite information.

Dr. GOLDSMITH will try always to be at the Hospital for consultation on Mondays and Thursdays, and the friends of patients are respectfully requested to confine their visits, as far as possible, to these days. No visitors are admitted on Sundays.

\*.\* Letters and small parcels, for the officers or patients, may be left at CALEF BROTHERS', No. 79 North Main Street, corner of Thomas Street. Communication by telephone at same place, or through Providence Telephone Exchange Company.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Our last annual gathering was made memorable by the fact that barely six weeks had passed since we had borne a beloved Superintendent, after nineteen years of faithful service, "to the narrow house appointed for all the living;" and less than another week would pass before his successor, already elected, and with us that day, would be installed in his place! Thus, men die, but institutions live! Thus, in the great battle with human ill and human woe, the decimated ranks are at once closed up! Charity never faileth!

Our last report, as was natural, was largely a review of the life work, among us, of our departed superintendent, and was closed with an appeal to the friends of the Hospital to provide the means to build the extension to the male side of the institution, the need of which Dr. Sawyer had so often pressed upon our attention, not only in private conference but also in several of his latest annual reports.

This appeal of the Board had the full endorsement of the Corporation, who, by unanimous vote, authorized the Board "to open a subscription for this object, and also to commence the work whenever the subscription shall have

reached a sum which, in their opinion, will justify it; and that the new wing or ward, when completed, bear the name of our late Superintendent—Dr. John W. Sawyer.”

This action was based upon plans submitted to the meeting, which were quite in harmony with the extension made to the female side of the house ten years or more since, and now called the David Duncan Ward. The estimates of cost suggested by the Board also embraced some changes in the present buildings and heating apparatus, which the plans did not show.

The election of a new Superintendent—Dr. Wm. B. Goldsmith—naturally led to a new and careful study of the plans, especially in respect to the location of the Sawyer Memorial Ward.

The plans as presented to the Corporation contemplated an extension of the north wards on the male side, by a brick addition about 30 x 48 feet square and three stories high, to which enlargement the Sawyer Memorial Ward was to be attached as a western extension. These plans had received general favor from the Board, because in harmony with the extension on the female side of the house before referred to, though they never had been formally adopted.

When, therefore, the matter came up for review, before final action, with the valuable aid afforded by Dr. Goldsmith, it was soon seen that the conditions in the locations of the two wings, in respect to light, air, beauty of scenery, etc., differed greatly; and for this and other reasons it was desirable to detach the new ward from the extended North ward, as shown in the drawings first made, and give it another location—say 100 feet or more south—and then connect by a one-story covered corridor, about 49 feet long, with the south (or front)



instead of attaching it directly to the north (or rear) wards. The other reasons referred to as justifying this change of plan are, first, detaching the wards as proposed, will give more sun-light, a more free circulation of air, and a better outlook for both; second, the change of location places the new building in an open grove, and also brings it one hundred feet or more nearer all the offices, reception rooms and kitchen, at the same time separating it from the airing court, which is mostly used by disturbed patients; third, placing in this location will avoid the necessity of passing through the wards occupied by the more disturbed patients, in order to reach it under cover; fourth, placing it in front and swinging it on a southerly angle from the front line of main building, as is proposed, will give an outlook from all the windows of the front and one end, over our extensive front lawns, and the grove-bordered river beyond them, and at the same time enable us to reach it from the office by passing through but a single ward, and this one that is never occupied by any but quiet patients. Moreover, placing it on the angle suggested will allow the sun in his daily circuit to throw his rays into every window on its four sides.

This location, in connection with its detached position, will give to the ward an air of individuality which it could not have, and be convenient, if placed elsewhere; while, aside from the question of convenience, we have no spot in all our grounds more commanding or beautiful. Plans were made by Messrs. Stone, Carpenter & Co., in accordance with these views which, after being submitted to the careful examination of experts familiar with this institution and its surrounding grounds, were formally adopted by the Board on 2d July last.

At this time sufficient success had been achieved in soliciting subscriptions to justify the appointment of a building committee, with power to put such parts of the work under contract as they should deem most for the interest of the Hospital. The disturbed condition of labor, which indisposed some contractors to make large contracts running long into the future, coupled with the fact that our subscription lists were by no means full, decided the committee to commence with the smaller improvements contemplated in the plans; which, if not practical to push all forward at the same time, was really in the order of our greatest needs. The first work commenced was to utilize the low attics over our south wards, by lifting the roofs in Mansard form, so as to secure sixteen nice and much-needed rooms for our attendants. These wards are on either side the front entrance to the main building. These rooms are completed, furnished and occupied.

The whole cost, including furniture, was about \$5,575. The architectural appearance of the Hospital is improved by the addition of the mansard roofs which cover these new rooms.

While this work was in progress, the plans for the extension and improvement of the North wards were put under contract. This extension is of brick, about 30 x 48 feet square on the ground, and three stories high. It gives to each hall an additional length of 35 feet, each terminating with large bay windows facing west.

It also adds dining and bath rooms to each ward, with ten other rooms, a convenient stair-case connecting directly with the airing court, and other improvements. This work is so far advanced that we hope to have it ready for occupancy by the first of March. We think

the cost of this extension, when finished and furnished, may reach the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12 000).

To heat all these new rooms, as also the halls, reception rooms, offices, library and family rooms in the front building, by steam, as was deemed best (the old rooms named having heretofore depended on stoves and grates), it was found necessary to reset our boilers and reorganize our steam pipes. This also has been accomplished at a cost, including radiators, etc., of about \$3,500.

Hoping that the new year would bring the needed addition to our subscription lists, we have also deemed it wise to put in the foundations, outside basement walls and underpinning for the Sawyer Memorial Ward. This work was not completed until the last of November and was then well covered to protect from the frosts of winter. The cost was about \$2,280.

This puts us in position, if subscriptions to our building fund shall warrant it, to commence work on the Memorial Ward in the early spring—so as to finish and occupy it early in the year 1888.

Our expenditures on these several improvements during the year, as you have observed, aggregate the sum of \$23,000,—a larger sum than we could have wished, but not larger than was necessary.

We are sorry that we are not able to state the exact sum required to finish the Memorial Ward, including of course the heating apparatus, fire escapes and water hydrants for protection against fire, furniture, &c. We had hoped to obtain responsible bids for the major part of this work in season to present to you at this meeting, and regret that we have not succeeded in this effort.

We think it will not be safe to estimate the cost at less than \$50,000 or \$55,000; and as the cost of furni-



ture for so large a building must be a considerable item, that sum may be quite insufficient.

Since it was apparent that this improvement of largest cost was to be the work of another year, the work of obtaining subscriptions has not been pushed so vigorously as it would have been under other circumstances. We are glad to say that responsible subscriptions amounting to the sum of \$53,000 have already been obtained. From this deduct the amount already expended or contracted for, say \$23,000,—leaves an unexpended balance of \$30,000 to finish and furnish the Sawyer Memorial Ward. We are quite persuaded that the further sum needed for this object, say \$20,000 or more, will be subscribed before the work is completed. A generous community will not turn a deaf ear to the cry of one of its greatest and most indispensable public charities.

In our last annual report, when speaking of our great bereavement in the death of Dr. Sawyer, we added these words: "For years past it has been apparent to us that Dr. Sawyer was over-taxing himself, and we have often offered him additional help, either professional or clerical, but he as often declined it."

His most intimate friends of the medical profession cherished the same opinion and we think expressed it to him.

Surely, the care of nearly 200 patients, implying the personal and intimate knowledge of each—the nature and form of each one's mental disease, often complicated with some acute or chronic physical infirmity, is no small charge; but add to this the selection, training and supervision of forty or more attendants, who are to be skilled nurses; also of a matron, with the assistants and domestics needful to provide for the physical wants of a nicely

arranged Hotel, with more than 250 guests and employes; also of a farmer and gardener with their assistants in number sufficient to produce milk, eggs, vegetables, fruits and other supplies for the house, of an annual value of \$15,000, with flowers, plants and shrubs for parlors, halls and lawns; the purchase of other food, medicines and many articles of clothing for the patients, the reception of friends of the patients and other visitors, who call in large numbers; the careful keeping of accounts with all these patients, and quarterly collection of their bills, as also a large correspondence with friends of the patients and say if this is not too much labor to require, or expect, of a Superintendent and one Assistant.

With this view, the Board in March last elected Mr. A. S. Anderson, of Waltham, Mass., as Steward and Clerk, and in July last, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, they also elected Dr. James W. Craig as Medical Assistant.

Dr. Henry C. Hall still holds the position of Assistant Physician to our great and increasing satisfaction.

Dr. Wm. B. Goldsmith entered upon the duties of his office as Physician and Superintendent on the 1st of February last. The ease with which he entered, and the dignity, ability and grace with which he has filled the responsible position have attracted the notice and commanded the warm approval of the Board.

His intelligent counsels respecting all our plans for building, and especially those which led to detaching the Sawyer Memorial Ward from the north ward and assigning it to its present more commanding and more convenient location, were of great value to the building committee and are highly appreciated by the Board.

For the lesser improvements of the year, in respect to

the buildings, the farm, the grounds, conservatory, &c., as also for the inner workings of the Hospital—the number and condition of its patients, the means taken to entertain, amuse and edify them; we refer you to the accompanying report of the Superintendent, which we beg to commend to your careful attention.

It remains for us only to renew the expression of our hope that the friends of the Hospital will cheerfully contribute the comparatively small amount of money needed to cover the cost of the work now in progress. Surely “he was worthy” whose name we honor in this memorial, while, in the inscrutable ways of Divine Providence, we may be building better than we know—building for unfortunates whom it will shelter and bless, some of whom in the remote, if not in the near future, may be “they are of our own household.”

The walls in the halls, and some of the rooms now occupied by our more quiet and convalescing patients, are hung with pictures and prints, and otherwise decorated; and are also supplied with musical instruments, the gifts of kind friends since the opening of the Hospital.

Gifts of this kind for these new wards will be highly appreciated.

A. C. BARSTOW,

*Committee.*

PROVIDENCE, January 26, 1887.

## REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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It is little more than one year since my predecessor, Dr. John Woodbury Sawyer, was taken from you when apparently at the meridian of his strength, leaving a record of about nineteen years of faithful service, filled with usefulness and honor.

During the first month of 1886 Dr. Henry C. Hall was acting Physician and Superintendent, but since February first I have occupied the position left vacant by Dr. Sawyer's death, and now have the honor to submit to you a report of the operations of the Hospital during the year just ended.

There were in the Hospital at the beginning of the year 1886, one hundred and eighty-six patients,—eighty-two men and one hundred and four women. During the year there have been eighty-five admissions, comprising eighty-three persons,—thirty-seven men and forty-six women,—as one man and one woman were admitted twice.

The whole number of persons under treatment during the year was, therefore, two hundred and sixty-nine.

One hundred and three patients have been discharged,—forty-eight men and fifty-five women, leaving at the end of the year one hundred and sixty-eight patients,—seventy-two men and ninety-six women.

Of those admitted thirty-six were said to have been insane less than three months, twenty-three less than one year,



seven between one and two years, sixteen more than two years, and three were not insane, but addicted to the opium or alcohol habits.

Seventeen were natives of Providence, seventeen of other parts of Rhode Island, nineteen of other New England States, ten of States out of New England, and twenty were of foreign birth. Thirty-four were residents of Providence, thirty-two of other parts of Rhode Island, fourteen of other New England States, and three of States out of New England.

Thirty-one were married, forty-four single and eight were widowed.

Sixty-eight are not known to have had a previous attack of insanity, seven had one previous attack, and five had several previous attacks.

Twelve had previously been under treatment in this Hospital, of whom five had been discharged as recovered, four as improved, and three as unimproved.

Of those discharged eighteen had recovered, twenty-two were improved, forty-seven were unimproved, three were not insane, and thirteen died.

Forty-eight were able to return to their homes, thirty-two were taken to the State Asylum for the Incurable Insane, and six to other institutions.

Five of the deaths were due to exhaustion from senile insanity, three to pulmonary consumption, three to organic heart disease, one to cerebral paralysis, and one to epilepsy.

The largest number of patients treated at any one time was one hundred and eighty-seven, the smallest one hundred and sixty-six, and the average number was one hundred and seventy-three.

The table of the annual statistics of the institution from its opening is as follows :

Year.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Whole No. under care.	Recov. red.	Impr. ved.	Unimproved	Died.	At the end of the year.
1848	156	56	156	17	26	—	13	100
1849	93	86	193	35	24	7	20	107
1850	73	67	180	19	27	5	16	113
1851	68	54	181	26	8	4	16	127
1852	101	86	228	30	36	5	15	142
1853	92	98	234	44	27	5	22	136
1854	80	85	216	40	20	6	19	131
1855	56	50	187	20	15	4	11	137
1856	59	54	196	14	19	5	16	142
1857	37	39	179	15	10	4	10	140
1858	47	52	187	22	7	11	12	135
1859	42	42	177	14	16	2	10	135
1860	58	66	193	22	21	8	15	127
1861	53	45	180	22	5	4	14	135
1862	36	39	171	17	7	10	5	132
1863	37	39	169	9	14	8	8	130
1864	49	47	179	15	14	6	12	132
1865	42	43	174	11	11	5	16	131
1866	44	56	175	18	3	11	18	119
1867	77	65	196	29	17	5	14	131
1868	80	61	211	26	15	12	8	150
1869	73	69	223	33	19	9	8	154
1870	81	140	235	34	24	70	12	95
1871	99	80	194	32	23	8	17	114
1872	123	103	237	37	35	15	16	134
1873	94	99	228	34	39	10	16	129
1874	105	107	234	41	35	16	15	127
1875	102	86	229	37	21	14	14	143
1876	96	94	239	36	26	20	12	145
1877	124	113	269	49	45	12	7	156
1878	126	112	282	26	42	22	22	170
1879	107	129	277	43	49	25	12	148
1880	122	99	270	38	40	13	8	171
1881	139	144	310	40	61	25	18	166
1882	133	116	299	26	47	21	22	183
1883	135	128	318	44	45	18	21	190
1884	106	118	296	46	39	20	13	178
1885	133	125	311	33	53	18	21	186
1886	85	103	271	21	22	47	13	168
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The number of admissions is smaller than last year, partly because a more careful selection of the cases admitted has been made, and partly because the crowded condition of the portion of the building occupied by men has often made it necessary to decline to receive suitable cases. I am glad to say that the extension to the north-west ward, designed to relieve this overcrowding and to furnish better facilities for the treatment of the more disturbed male patients, is now almost completed, and promises to be very satisfactory.

The number of recoveries recorded is smaller than usual, largely because of the decreased number treated and the character of the cases.

It has seemed to me best, also, in order that the statistics of insanity may be more accurate, to discharge those who have been treated for the opium and alcohol habits as "not insane," rather than as "recovered."

The number of deaths is also unusually small, and all were due to chronic disease occurring without exception in patients suffering from long continued and incurable insanity.

No patient has sustained any serious accident during the year, and the general health of the patients and the hygienic condition of the Hospital have been excellent.

Though fewer patients are in the Hospital at the end of the year than on recent previous years, the building is now filled to its full proper capacity, and, as this reduction of numbers indicates a closer adherence to a policy toward which the institution has for some time been working, an explanation is justified. As is well known to those familiar with its history, the Butler Hospital was for many years after its establishment the only institution for the care and treatment of the insane in

Rhode Island, and during this time it performed the functions of a State Hospital and opened its doors to all insane persons, supported at public as well as private charge, without calling upon the State for any outlay in the erection of buildings. Within recent years the State has provided for the care of its incurable insane at its farm in Cranston, and the former necessity for this Hospital to receive all classes of patients no longer exists.

The aim of the Butler Hospital has always been to do all in its power to promote the recovery and alleviate the sufferings of those afflicted with mental disease, preference being given to the residents of the State in which it is situated, and to the benevolence of whose citizens it is chiefly indebted for its existence and for the ability to perform its work. This aim is in no wise changed, but not only have the needs of the State and community changed, as I have indicated, but there has been in general an increasing recognition of the disadvantages attending the indiscriminate grouping in one Hospital of all classes of the insane, and of the importance of making a variety of hospital provision to suit the varying habits of life and conditions of disease of the patients.

In the earlier history of hospitals for the insane, their structural provisions indicated the belief that mental disease is all of one type and is a great leveller, which obliterates the distinctions between the vulgar and the refined, the educated and the ignorant, and renders them suitable and congenial intimates.

It is now universally recognized that the presence of large numbers of patients whose appearance indicates their hopelessly demented condition, exercises a depressing and unfavorable influence upon those who are



appreciative, and the great importance of making the general standard of care and support of a hospital for the insane reasonably in accord with the previous tastes and habits of life of the patient is evident when one recalls the peculiar position of patients in such institutions. They are not a group of persons voluntarily congregated for profit or pleasure, as in a hotel or even a hospital for general diseases, appreciating their position, regulating for themselves their routine of life, and with liberty to leave at will; but they come in obedience to an authority which often appears to them most unwise or unjust. They are taken from the occupations which have habitually filled their time and thoughts, and, when these are replaced by distasteful associations and surroundings, they cannot realize that annoyances to which they have not been accustomed are likely to promote their mental recovery, and the sense of discomfort becomes a direct obstacle to improvement.

It has therefore been thought wise to confine the benevolent work of this Hospital as largely as its income will allow, to such as are likely to be materially benefited by treatment and to those others whose mental disease has not greatly blunted their appreciation of their surroundings, whose previous condition of life has been such that they would suffer from the associations inevitable in an institution supported at public charge, and who are therefore peculiarly proper recipients of aid.

The intent of this action is not in the least to decrease the amount of assistance given those who are needy, for I know that you deem this the most valuable work and privilege of the Hospital, and we have never had the means to expend so much in this way as during the past year, (the average weekly cost per patient, not includ-

ing expense for any extraordinary repairs, having been \$9.46, while the average amount received per patient was \$8.39,) but rather to adopt a system by which the funds generously provided for this purpose may reach those who can be most benefited, and therefore accomplish the more good, and to enable us to provide the best possible conditions for the care and treatment of those who can pay more liberally. The situation and equipment of this Hospital fit it admirably for the treatment of these selected patients, whose needs are less adequately met in hospitals than those of any other class, and I feel sure that its greatest capacity for usefulness lies in this special work, but this leaves with us only such few selected State patients, (the number now being twelve,) as require somewhat expensive care, and are therefore treated at a decided financial loss, and it reduces the income from others by lessening the number of demented and inappreciative patients, whose care is not expensive and who can properly be somewhat crowded.

The degree to which we can adopt such a policy without fixing a standard of care so expensive as to exclude proper cases which are not able to pay liberally, will depend, therefore, upon our income. Here the beneficiary fund furnishes most timely aid, and, in my opinion, the possession of this permanent fund is the greatest of the Hospital's good fortunes. Experience shows that my predecessor did not over-estimate its importance or value when urging contributions for it in previous reports.

It enables the Hospital to use its best efforts for those who have the double misfortune of being insane and poor, and its founders have a large reward in the aid rendered the patients, and in the grateful appreciation of their friends.

In view of the generous proportions which the fund has reached in a short time, it seems almost ungracious to ask for more, but the fact is that it is still necessary to refuse worthy applicants because our means are exhausted.

The Corda Sanford Conservatory continues to contribute largely to the happiness and welfare of the patients by furnishing plants and flowers for their wards and rooms, and by caring for tropical plants that adorn the grounds in summer.

The facilities for driving afforded by the stable prove a constant and never failing source of diversion, and directly and obviously promote improvement in general physical and mental health. The Hospital now owns seven driving horses, and several patients have during the year availed themselves of the opportunity offered to keep horses and carriages of their own.

If those who gave us the conservatory and the stable could realize the amount of good they daily accomplish, I am sure they would feel more than satisfied with the channel their benevolence took.

From the Duncan Improvement Fund a pleasant summer house has been constructed in a secluded portion of the grove back of the main Hospital building and overlooking the river. It proves of especial value to the more disturbed patients, who can there be kept out in the open air for a long time, without annoying others or being in surroundings likely to excite themselves. An arbor and fence was also constructed at Ivy Cottage to replace one which had fallen into decay.

It was thought best, however, to postpone until another year any extensive improvements to the grounds, because of the unusual amount of other new building and repair in progress.

The expenditure of the income which has accumulated from this fund will enable us to make very decided improvements about the grounds during the coming summer.

A number of friends of the Hospital, several of whose names are familiar to previous reports, remembered it this year.

Mrs. E. A. Shephard gave a megalethroscope with a collection of pictures, a framed engraving and illustrated papers.

Mrs. Gammell, the year's numbers of The Illustrated London News, The Graphic and Punch.

Mr. George W. Weld paid for the recovering of a billiard table previously given by him.

Mrs. J. P. Justin, two framed engravings.

Mr. Stephen Brownell, several volumes of Harpers' and Scribner's magazines.

Mr. John W. Angell, some illustrated papers.

Mrs. Sarah W. Anthony, eight volumes for the library.

Free admission was also given the patients attending the Horticultural and State fairs.

Those who have chiefly aided by giving musical and other entertainments, are Professor and Mrs. Hoffman, Miss Stafford, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. J. J. Perry, of Providence, and Mr. Francis Pratt, of Pawtucket. I am unable to give the names of many persons who have assisted them and who deserve our hearty thanks.

One of the pleasantest of the year's entertainments was a Christmas tree, for which the members of the Board of Trustees contributed ninety-five dollars, and some children from the Westminster Congregational Church came to sing carols.

The usual course pursued heretofore in the exhibition



of stereopticon pictures is continued and the entertainments are much enjoyed. As last year, the explanatory lectures have been written by a lady patient and read by an assistant physician.

It gives me great pleasure to say that a number of clergymen of Providence have kindly consented to preach occasionally at the Hospital, and I hope to have religious services in the chapel regularly on Sunday afternoons during the coming year.

The consulting physicians, Drs. Ely and Carr, have continued to render valuable professional service to the Hospital gratuitously.

Unusually extensive structural changes and additions have been accomplished, or undertaken, during the year. The crowding and inconveniences of the wards occupied by the more excited men, which was deplored by my predecessor in previous reports, have been relieved by an extension of that portion of the building to the west, measuring 48 by 30 feet. This affords, on each floor, a spacious day room, with open fire and sunny bay window, a pleasant and convenient dining room, and it provides sleeping apartments for about fifteen persons. It has also given opportunity to substitute for the bath-room in the basement, which was inconvenient in arrangement and difficult of access, conveniently situated and well-arranged bath-rooms on each floor, and to place the lavatories and water-closets in a better position.

By raising the roofs, so as to make a third story on the two wings adjoining the central building, sixteen excellent rooms were secured for the attendants, who were before very uncomfortably crowded. I consider this improvement of the highest importance, as the quality and expertness of the staff of attendants chiefly determine the real excellence of a hospital, and I believe these comforta-

ble apartments will assist in securing good people and in retaining them longer in the service.

Extensive changes have also been made in the heating apparatus. The boilers have been reset and so arranged that each can be used at high or low pressure as needed; steam heat has been introduced through much of the central building; the old small supply mains have been replaced by larger, and a pump has been connected with the returns, according to the Williams system.

It was believed that these changes would secure more satisfactory heating of the building, and our experience thus far indicates that this will be true, though the increased area of radiating surface taxes the full capacity of the boilers.

The foundation has also been laid for a new building for men, which is to be known as the "Sawyer Memorial Ward," in memory of the late physician and superintendent. This is to be a three story building, with about thirty rooms, and will occupy one of the pleasantest sites on the estate, about fifty feet from the south-west corner of the main building to which it will be connected by a one story covered corridor. Care has been taken by this arrangement and in the interior planning to secure the quiet and retirement of a completely detached building, without the inconvenience of access which always makes close supervision difficult in a separate building, and, in our severe winter weather, is found to be a serious annoyance to patients.

The interior is planned to provide suitable apartments for gentlemen accustomed to the conveniences and comforts of good modern dwellings, and many rooms are so connected that they can be used *en suite* if desired.

Surely no more fitting or grateful tribute could be

offered a physician who has devoted his life to the treatment of the insane, than one like this, which will not only perpetuate his name in enduring form, but will be the means of continuing the work to which he devoted all his energies.

The staff of assistant officers is not changed, except by the addition of one assistant physician and a steward. It has shown commendable faithfulness and zeal, and I am especially indebted to the First Assistant Physician, Henry C. Hall, M D., for his aid in acquainting me with the routine of my work.

A lack of familiarity with the institution and its officers and employes, as well as with the community to which I came, has undoubtedly caused mistakes on my part for which I must crave your indulgence. The selection of me by your Board to fill a position of such importance is an honor which I appreciate highly. I also thank you for the support and confidence you have given me.

WILLIAM B. GOLDSMITH,

*Physician and Superintendent.*

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

### STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT FOR 1886.

#### RECEIPTS.

Receipts from patients, . . .	\$75,490 33
Income from Beneficiary Funds, . .	9,016 70
Income Permanent Fund, . . .	2,360 45
	<hr/> \$86,867 48

#### EXPENDITURES.

Provisions, . . . . .	\$25,334 47
Salaries, . . . . .	6,658 19
Wages, . . . . .	30,736 39
Repairs and Improvements, . . .	3,134 02
Furniture, . . . . .	4,386 43
Farm, . . . . .	2,834 75
Fuel, . . . . .	2,791 10
Lights, . . . . .	1,638 96
Contingencies, . . . . .	2,913 84
Drugs and Medicines, . . . . .	578 84
Insurance, . . . . .	1,010 25
Water, . . . . .	711 48
Stable, . . . . .	2,438 55
	<hr/> \$85,167 27



Dr. BUTLER HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer. Cr.

1886.		1886.	
December 30.	To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith, Superintendent, for income past year.....\$2,360 45	November 20.	By cash for principal, State of Missouri bond..... \$1,000 00
	To balance principal carried to new account ..... 1,000 00	December 31.	By cash for income past year.. 2,360 45
	<u>\$3,360 45</u>		<u>\$3,360 45</u>

1886.  
December 31. By balance principal from from  
old account.... \$1,000 00

E. E.

Examined and found correct.  
January 21, 1887.  
T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committe.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.  
MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Dr.	DUNCAN IMPROVEMENT FUND in account current with Moses. B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.	Cr.
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<p>1886.</p> <p>December 31. To sundry bills paid past year.. \$ 686 57</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">" Balance carried to credit of</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">new account..... . 3,287 82</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,974 39</p>	<p>1885.</p> <p>December 30. By balance from old account.... \$2,594 39</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1886.</p> <p>December 30. " cash for income past year.. 1,380 00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,974 39</p>
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1886.

December 30. By balance from old account.... \$3,287 82

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Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

<p>T. B. I. GODDARD,</p> <p>SAMUEL R. DORRANCE,</p>	}	<p>Audit Committee.</p>
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PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Dr.

## LIBRARY FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.

Cr.

1886,			1885,		
December 30,	To cash paid sundry bills.....	\$76 33	December 30,	By balance from old account....	\$16 90
	“ balance to new account,...	17 57			
			1886,		
			December 30,	“ income past year.....	77 00
		<hr/>			<hr/>
		\$93 90			\$93 90

1886.

December 30, By balance from old account,.....\$17 57

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Examined and found correct,  
January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee,

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886,  
MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer,

Dr.      NEW STABLE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer,      Cr.

1886.  
December 30. To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith,  
Superintendent, for income  
past year..... \$176 00

1886.  
December 30. By cash for income past year.... \$176 00

E. E.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer,



Dr.	DONATION FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.	Cr.
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<p>1886.</p> <p>December 30. To cash paid sundry bills past year ..... \$137 00</p> <p>“ Balance to credit of new account ..... 2,433 82</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,570 82</p>	<p>1885.</p> <p>December 30. By balance from old account ... \$1,704 82</p> <p>1886.</p> <p>December 30. By cash for income, past year.. 866 00</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,570 82</p>
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1886.

December 30. By balance from old account..... \$2,433 82

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E. E.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

<p>T. P. I. GODDARD,</p> <p>SAMUEL R. DORRANCE,</p>	}	Audit Committee.
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Dr.

## THOMAS WHITRIDGE FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.

Cr.

1886.

December 30. To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith,  
Superintendent, for income,  
past year... \$480 00

1886.

December 30. By cash for income the past year. \$480 00

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PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.

Dr. ELIZABETH S. BARTLETT BENEFICIARY FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer. Cr.

1886.  
December 30. To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith,  
Superintendent, for income past  
year ..... \$304 00

1886.  
December 30. By cash for income for past year. \$304 00

E. E.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Dr.

## BENEFICIARY FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.

Cr.

1886.			1885.		
December 30.	To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith, Superintendent, for income past year.....	\$887 88	December 30.	By balance principal from old act.	\$1,000 00
	" Balance principal carried to new account.....	2,300 00	1886.		
		<u>\$3,187 88</u>	May 1.	" cash for principal Providence & Worcester R. R. note.....	1,300 00
			December 30.	By cash for income, past year..	887 88
					<u>\$3,187 88</u>

1886.

December 30. By balance from old account..... \$2,300\_00

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PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.



Dr.      ROBERT H. IVES BENEFICIARY FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.      Cr.

1886.  
December 30. To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith,  
Superintendent, for income past  
year, .....\$2,062 50

1886.  
December 30, By cash for income for past year, \$2,062 50

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Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD, }  
SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Dr.

## WILLIAM F. WELD MEMORIAL FUND in account current with Moses B. I. Goddard, Treasurer.

Cr.

1886.  
 December 30. To cash paid W. B. Goldsmith,  
 Superintendent, for income,  
 past year... \$1,250 00

1886.  
 December 30. By cash for income the past year. \$1,250 00

E. E.

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Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD,  
 SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

## FUNDS

BELONGING TO BUTLER HOSPITAL FOR THE  
INSANE.

DECEMBER 31, 1886.

PERMANENT FUND.

1 Note Providence and Worcester R. R. Co.....	\$15,000 00
2 Notes secured by mortgages on improved property.....	10,000 00
6 Bonds State of Missouri .....	6,000 00
20 " Chicago Burlington and Quincy R. R. Co. ....	20,000 00
Cash in Providence National Bank....	1,000 00
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	\$52,000 00
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DUNCAN IMPROVEMENT FUND.

8 Shares Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.....	8,000 00
78 " Chicago Burlington and Quincy R. R.....	9,000 00
2 Bonds State of Missouri.....	2,000 00
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	\$19,000 00
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DONATION FUND.

10 Shares Manufacturers National Bank.....	1,000 00
2 Bonds New York Central R. R. Co.....	2,000 00
28 Shares Providence Gas Co .....	1,400 00
52 " Chicago Alton R. R. Co.....	6,850 00
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	\$11,250 00
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LIBRARY FUND.

2 Bonds New York Central R. R.....	1,500 00
Deposit in R. I. Hospital Trust Co.....	100 00
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	\$1,600 00
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NEW STABLE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE.

22 Shares Chicago and Alton R. R. Co.....	\$2,900 00
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## ELIZABETH S. BARTLETT BENEFICIARY FUND.

38 Shares Chicago and Alton R. R. Co..... \$5,000 00

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## THOMAS WHITRIDGE FUND.

12 Bonds Chicago, Burlington, Quincy R. R. Co., 4 per ct...\$12,000 00

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## BENEFICIARY FUND.

1 Note Providence Worcester R. R. Co.... 5,000 00  
 1 " Secured by Mortgage on improved property..... 7,000 00  
 38 Shares Chicago and Alton R. R. Co ..... 5,000 00  
 Cash in Providence National Bank..... 2,300 00

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\$19,300 00

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## ROBERT H. IVES BENEFICIARY FUND.

1 Note Providence Worcester R. R. Co.....\$50,000 00

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## WILLIAM F. WELD MEMORIAL FUND.

1 Note secured by mortgage on improved property..... 15,000 00  
 10 Bonds Chicago, North Western R. R. Co., 5 per ct..... 10,000 00

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\$25,000 00

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## RECAPITULATION.

Permanent Fund... 52,000 00  
 Duncan Improvement Fund..... 19,000 00  
 Donation fund..... 11,250 00  
 Library Fund..... 1,600 00  
 New Stable and Carriage House ..... 2,900 00  
 Elizabeth S. Bartlett Beneficiary Fund..... 5,000 00  
 Thomas Whitridge Fund ..... 12,000 00  
 Beneficiary Fund..... 19 300 00  
 Robert H. Ives Beneficiary Fund..... 50,000 00  
 William F. Weld Memorial Fund. .... 25,000 00

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\$198,050 00.

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E. E.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1886.

MOSES B. I. GODDARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

January 21, 1887.

T. P. I. GODDARD

SAMUEL R. DORRANCE, } Audit Committee.



NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE BUTLER HOSPITAL FOR  
THE INSANE WHO HAVE DIED DURING  
THE YEAR 1886.

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Thos. F. Hendricken, D. D.,	Henry L. Fairbrother,
Edward C. Ames,	Thomas R. Hazard,
John R. Bartlett,	Thomas P. Lanphear,
Jacob Dunnell,	Abraham Payne,
Thomas A. Doyle,	Samuel Powell,
Charles W. Fabyan, M. D.,	D. A. Taylor.

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NAMES OF MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL  
MEETING, JANUARY 26, 1887.

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Joseph Banigan,	Henry C. Hall, M. D.,
William Wanton Dunnell,	William A. Hoppin,
Charles Fletcher,	Howard Hoppin,
Thomas A. Jenckes	

## ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.


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The following papers, which will explain themselves, are necessary for the admission of a patient:—

### CERTIFICATE AND APPLICATION.

We hereby certify that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is insane.  
*Physicians.*

I request that the above-named insane person may be admitted as a patient into the Butler Hospital for the insane.

 This should be signed by the guardian or nearest relative or friend of the applicant, stating relationship after the signature.

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### OBLIGATION.

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ being admitted a patient into the Butler Hospital for the Insane at our request, we, the undersigned, jointly and severally, promise the Hospital to pay to the Treasurer thereof, at said Hospital, quarterly, on the first days of January, April, July and October, with interest after said days respectively, the rate of board determined by the Trustees of said Hospital; to provide or pay for all requisite clothing, and other things necessary or proper for the health and comfort of said patient; to remove said patient when discharged for any cause; to reimburse funeral expenses in case of death; and if removed uncured, against the advice of the Superintendent, before the expiration of three calendar months, to pay board for thirteen weeks, and also to indemnify said Hospital for all expenses of suit which they may incur in collecting said bills of board, supplies and funeral charges—the same to be included in the damages recovered in such suit.

Witness our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_


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### ORDER OF ADMISSION.

*To the Superintendent of the Butler Hospital for the Insane:—*

Receive the above-named patient, if brought within two weeks from date,  
 at \_\_\_\_\_ dollars \_\_\_\_\_ cents per week.

*Visiting Committee.*

 The obligation is to be signed by two responsible persons; if from a distance and unknown, a certificate from the Selectmen, or Town Council, or other satisfactory evidence of sufficient ability, must accompany the bond.

\*.\*Blank papers, as above, may be obtained of the Superintendent or Secretary.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I hereby give and bequeath to the Butler Hospital for the Insane, a Corporation duly incorporated by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, the sum of  
Dollars, for the charitable purposes  
of said institution.

